

REMARKS

Original claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed on February 16, 2005, the Examiner objected to claims 4 and 5 for the reason that they are informal. In accordance with the suggestion by the Examiner, the foregoing Amendment amends "correction" in line 3 of claims 4 and 5 to read "proximity effect correction" to obviate the objection.

In the February 16, 2005 Office Action, claim 14 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, currently amended claim 1 corresponds to original claim 14 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Also, currently amended claims 18 and 20-22 correspond to original claims 18 and 20-22 rewritten to include all of the limitations of original claim 14. Consequently, claims 1, 18, and 20-22 are deemed to be allowable.

Original claims 14, 17, and 23-25 are canceled by the foregoing Amendment. The foregoing Amendment also amends original claims 18 and 19 to improve the form of the claims. Claims 2-13 and 16 as amended depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 1 and are therefore deemed to be allowable; and claim 19 as amended depends directly from amended claim 18 and is

therefore deemed to be allowable, as well.

In view of the foregoing Amendment, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early action and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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